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- 1. LABOR SECRETARY BLAS OPLE DISCUSSED APRIL 7-15
  ASIAN LABOR MINISTERS CONFERENCE WITH LABATT AGAIN
  FEBRUARY 19. NOTED HE HAD NO LATE INFORMATION REGARDING
  STATUS AUSTRALIAN INVITATIONS TO BOTH VIETNAMS, BOTH
  KOREAS AND PRC. HE STILL OF OPINION PRC MIGHT WELL ATTEND.
- 2. REFERRING TO MEETING OF ASEAN LABOR MINISTERS IN JAKARTA, OPLE CONFIRMED ACCEPTANCE HIS RECOMMENDATION GET-TOGETHER TAKE PLACE IMMEDIATELY BEFORE ASIAN CONFERENCE. AS CONSEQUENCE, SENIOR ASEAN LABOR OFFICIALS WOULD MEET MARCH 28-29, WHILE ASEAN LABOR MINISTERS WOULD GATHER APRIL 1-5. IT OPLE'S UNDERSTANDING MEETING WILL SHIFT TO BALI IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SUHARTO'S WELCOMING ADDRESS APRIL 1 IN JAKARTA.
- 3. OPLE CONTINUES EXPRESS CONFIDENCE HIS CANDIDACY FOR PRESIDENCY 1975 ILO CONFERENCE STILL FIRMLY ON TRACKS. HOPEFULLY, ASIAN LABOR MINISTERS CONFERENCE WOULD NAIL IT DOWN. AS HE SEES IT, ONLY CLOUD ON HORIZON IS POSSIBILITY PRESIDENT MARCOS' TOUGHER STANCE ON MOSLEM REBELLION IN MINDANAO/SULU COULD PROVOKE OPPOSITION BY ARAB NATIONS.

COMMENT: IT QUITE OBVIOUS FROM COMMENTS BOTH LABOR SECRETARY AND TOP LABOR LEADERS HERE (INCLUDING MENDOZA, OCA AND TAN), THAT PHILIPPINES ANTICIPATING WITH CONSIDERABLE RELISH INTERNATIONAL EXPOSURE NATION WILL GET THIS SUMMER IF OPLE ELECTED.
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